

Additional public comment from Rose Walker on September 6, 2014:

Please add my addition comments to the website for the committee.

Six months ago Medical marijuana was the furthest thing from my mind. Then Baby Liam was born. He was diagnosed with Intractable epilepsy. Multiple doctor visits, medications and hospitalizations occurred. Nothing was stopping the 100 plus daily seizures.

If you do a google search for intractable epilepsy, like I did, you will learn that the prognosis for a long lifespan is not favorable.

One day Liam's mother posted a comment on her Facebook page that the family was considering the use of cannabis for Liam's treatment. I had never heard of treatment of this kind and apparently many others hadn't either. Being from a family of law enforcement professionals, this news was not well received by some of her followers. Her challenge to them was simply, "Go educate yourself about this."

I took her challenge to heart and began researching CBD. The medical conditions that are being helped by CBD are amazing. The government has recently allowed a study using CBD in the treatment of PTSD for suffering soldiers. Clinical trials are ongoing in the area of schizophrenia and multiple sclerosis, among others.

Please consult with the 23 states that have had medical marijuana laws in place to find out if there have been any negative issues with CBD use in their states.

The comparison between this controlled substance and alcohol consumption are indisputable.

- A. No one has ever had to enter substance abuse treatment for CBD use
- B. Anyone over 21 can go to various places to buy alcohol that does have a "high" affect, however they can't purchase CBD, which has no "high" affect.
- C. No one has ever overdosed on CBD

I do believe the intent of this committee is to take Liam's mother's challenge and "Go educate yourself about this."

God works in many ways. My prayers for others is that He will work through this committee to increase your knowledge and alleviate fears so changes to this bill can be made to allow compassionate use of CBD not only for epilepsy, but additional medical conditions that are presently being helped through the use of CBD.

Thank you.